### **ICU and Acute Care Update:**

From Early Mobilization to **Discharge Decisions** 



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#### **Faculty**

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**About this Webinar**This course will sharpen your skills in assessment and optimal intervention for early mobilization and mobility progression in the complex acutely ill patient. It will discuss the interpretation of vital signs beyond the basics as it relates to critical illness. Focus will be on critical decision making through case analysis to determine medical stability and exercise tolerance in complex patients. Evidence for advanced intervention will be discussed for patients who are suffering from common iatrogenic effects of hospitalization. Learn to provide best practices in acute care for complex patients through integration of lab values, tests, medical history, clinical exam, research evidence and clinical judgment.

#### **Objectives**

- Identify relevant medical information and equipment settings in the environment of the ICU that influences decision making during the evaluation and treatment of a patient.
- Apply at least two current literature and evidenced-based trends to progress functional recovery for patients that suffer critical illness.
- Apply exercise physiology principles to prescribe an effective exercise program.
- Implement an integrative rehabilitation plan to address pulmonary dysfunction.
- Analyze the complexity of critical illness via a case scenario to develop an evaluation and intervention approach to provide comprehensive care.

#### **Audience**

PTs, OTs and SLPs working in an acute care setting with primarily adults. The focus will be on cardiovascular and pulmonary critical illness. It is recommended that participants have a basic knowledge of lines, tubes and ventilators. If not, it is recommended you review this online course: "Lines, Tubes, Ventilators and Diagnostic Screening for Stability vs Instability: Cardiopulmonary Examination and Monitoring." available on the Education Resources, Inc. website: www.educationresourcesinc.com



#### Schedule - Day 1

9:40 – 10:00am Webinar Registration/Zoom Course

**Opens** 

10:00-11:30 am Research updates: Implications on the clin-

ical decision process

ABCDEF bundle: opportunities for interdis-

ciplinary collaboration

11:30–12:30 pm Medical review: critically thinking through

a case - yellow/red flags for early mobility

12:30–12:45 pm BREAK

12:45-1:45 pm Advanced interpretation of vital signs

> Early mobility and physiological readiness for activity, using subjective scales to aid

decision-making

1:45-3:00 pm Updates in evidence regarding safety and

efficacy in early mobility

Implementing an early mobility program, managing environment and personnel to improve safety Institutional guidelines in

current practice

3:00-3:30 pm LUNCH

3:30-4:30 pm Applied physiology

> Physiological reserve: using exercise principles to get the most out of your patients, how to make recovery a true component of treatment, outcome

measures, video case analysis

4:30-5:15 pm Updates regarding dyspnea and fatigue

barrier: Red and yellow flags

**BREAK** 5:00-5:15 pm

Case Analysis: clinical integration and 5:15-6:15 pm

decision-making

#### Schedule - Day 2

9:40 – 10:00am Webinar Registration/Zoom Course

**Opens** 

10:00-11:30 am Application of the EKG:

Video case: recognizing critical parts of the EKG to aid in the clinical decision-making process, identifying changes and how to

manage patients accordingly

11:30-12:30 pm Using the ventilator to promote func-

tional progress and establish goals

The importance of professional conversations with data in hand, video case: how to interpret modes during ventilator weaning

and interventions

12:30-12:45 pm BREAK

12:45-3:00 pm Pulmonary LAB - assessment tools:

> Understanding how your patient's impairments could be contributing to slow functional progress, facilitating desired breath-

ing patterns

3:00-3:30 pm LUNCH

3:30-4:15 pm Advanced ICU Device Support: VADs and

ECMO including video case analysis

4:15-4:30 pm **BREAK** 

4:30-5:30 pm Case Analysis: Clinical integration and de-

cision-making including recommendations

for discharge status









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